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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Presently amended) A device for filtering at least a predetermined
selected optical signal having a predetermined wavelength range from a series of optical signals,
the device comprising:

a polarization alignment means for substantially aligning substantially orthogonal
polarization states of an optical input signal so as to produce a polarization aligned optical signal;

a polarization manipulation means for imparting a controlled polarization
manipulation to said polarization aligned optical signal so as to output a polarization manipulated
optical signal having one of at least two distinguishable polarization states including a first
polarization state and a second polarization state;

an optical separation means tunable liquid crystal etalon filter having a tunable
separation wavelength for spatially separating the selected optical signal from said series of
optical signals when the polarization state of the polarization manipulated optical signal is in a
first polarization state, thereby forming a first and second output optical signal, and maintaining
the spatial alignment of said selected optical signal with said series of optical signals when the
polarization manipulated optical signal is in a second polarization state so as to form a third
optical output.

Claims 2 - 3 (Canceled).

4.   (Presently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 3 wherein said etalon
filter transmits the selected optical signal when the polarization state of the second optical signal
is in said first polarization state and reflects the selected optical signal when the polarization state
of the second optical signal is in the second distinguishable state.

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